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SUBJ:UNCTAD IV - GUIDANCE FOR OECD AD HOC MEETING ON
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FEBRARY 24-25, 1976

1. USDEL TO SUBJECT MEETING MAY ACCEPT OECD SECRETARIAT
PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA OF MEETING PRESENTED IN CES/UN (76) 1.

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2. ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL DEVELOPING GENERAL U.S. STRATEGY FOR UNCTAD IV, WE RECOGNIZE FACT THAT UNCTAD IV MUST BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF SUSTAINING IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE OF DC-LDC DIALOGUE. WITHIN THIS DIALOGUE, UNCTAD IV MAY TAKE ON PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF ITS UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC IMPACT. USDEL SHOULD STRESS THAT CONFRONTATIONAL, UNPRODUCTIVE SESSION WOULD BE SERIOUS SETBACK, BUT ACROSS-THE-BOARD ADVANCE ON ALL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY IN STRENGTHENING UNCTAD'S INSTITUTIONAL ROLE, COULD ALSO PRESENT PROBLEM OF PRODUCING UNSUSTAINABLE EXPECTATIONS. TO MEET THIS DILEMMA, USDEL SHOULD RECOMMEND STRATEGY FOR UNCTAD CONCENTRATING ON:

A) SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION PROGRAM,

B) LIMITING THE NUMBER OF NEW ELEMENTS INTRODUCED TO THAT NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ATMOSPHERE CREATED AT SEVENTH

SPECIAL SESSION,

C) DIRECTING FOCUS OF UNCTAD TO TECHNICAL WORK TO ASSIST LDC'S WITH LESS EMPHASIS ON POLICY FORMULATION.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS ON UNCTAD IV, USDEL SHOULD STRESS THAT UNCTAD IV PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSOLIDATE POLICY CONSENSUS WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED IN SPECIFIC AREAS AND MOVE ON TO CONCRETE PROGRAMS. IN THE AREA OF COMMODITIES, ALTHOUGH THERE IS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT THAT TRADE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH COOPERATIVELY, THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE DISAGREEMENT EVEN AMONG LDC'S AS TO SOLUTIONS. ON TRADE, WE BELIEVE UNCTAD IV SHOULD GIVE AN ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO WORK UNDERWAY IN THE MTN. IN OTHER AREAS, OUR POSITIONS ARE STILL BEING FORMULATED.

4. USDEL SHOULD TRY TO DRAW OUT OTHER DELEGATIONS ON
A) THEIR GENERAL STRATEGY FOR UNCTAD IV, B) WHICH ISSUES DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WISH UNCTAD TO CONCENTRATE UPON, AND
C) THEIR REACTION TO MANILA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. MAW

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